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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of priority targets in North Vietnam. Specifically, the OXCART aircraft is to cover those areas of North Vietnam which because of surface-to-air missile defenses cannot be covered adequately by other means. The 303 Committee has approved this mission.

TARGET DATA

There are 48 COMOR targets in North Vietnam which are listed below. Apart from coverage of these targets, OXCART photography is to be used specifically to locate and identify surface-to-surface missiles in North Vietnam if and when they should be introduced.

- * 1. 1J37 Cac Ba Coastal Def. Site
- * 2. 2C184 Haiphong/Cat Bi A/F
- * 3. 2C185 Haiphong/Kien An A/F
- * 4. 2C186 Hanoi/Bac Mai A/F
- * 5. 2C187 Hanoi/Gia Lam A/F
- * 6. 2C190 Phuc Yen A/F
- 7. 2C221 Lang Son A/F
- * 8. 2C367 Kep A/F
- 9. 2C954 Yen Bai Suspect A/F U/C
- *10. 2C967 Hoa Lac A/F U/C
- *11. 2C968 Bai Thuong A/F
- *12. 4C28 Haiphong Port Complex
- *13. 4C110 Cam Pha Port Facilities
- 14. 4C111A Hon Gay Port Facilities
- 15. 4C111B Ha Tou Naval Support Facility
- *16. 4C112 Vinh/Ben Thuy Port Facilities
- *17. 5E09 Thanh Hoa Poss Bio Research Installations
- 18. 7A1473 Ha Giang Military Installation
- 19. 7A1486 Van Hai Army Barracks
- 20. 7A1596 Lang Son Military Complex
- 21. 7A1602 Loc Binh Army Supply Depot
- *22. 7A1603 Thai Nguyen Army Supply Depot North
- 23. 7A1605 Bac Kan Military Area
- *24. 7A1606 Phu Lang Thuong Military Area
- 25. 7C3 Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 2
- 26. 7C4 Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 1
- 27. 7C5 Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 3
- 28. 7C6 Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2
- 29. 7C7 Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1
- *30. 7C8 Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 3
- *31. 7C9 Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 4
- *32. 7C10 Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 5
- *33. 7C12 Kep to Than Nguyen RR
- 34. 8A46 Dong Dang Complex
- *35. 8A48 Phu Lang Thuong Complex

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36.	8A49	Cao Bang Complex
37.	8A50	Lai Chau Complex
38.	8A51	Lang Son Complex
39.	8A52	Mon Cay Complex
40.	8A407	Tien Yen Complex
*41.	8A414	Tuyen Quang Complex
42.	8A415	Yen Bai Complex
43.	8A416	Dien Bien Phu Complex
44.	8B353	Lao Kay Complex
*45.	8B366	Haiphong RR Yards
*46.	8B367	Viet Tri RR Yards
*47.	8B368	Yen Bien (Hanoi) RR Yards
*48.	8A423	Kep Complex

NOTE: Thirty-five of the above 48 COMOR targets are in the SAM defended area. This mission has been planned to make two passes over the primary target area in order to maximize photo coverage. This mission should cover a minimum of 25 COMOR targets and a large number of other bonus targets.

*Indicates the COMOR targets this mission should cover.

OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 5792 NM
TIME : 4 + 55
DENIED TIME : 0:25
ENTRY ALTITUDE: 79,100 Feet
SPEED : Mach 3.1 (1792 Kts)

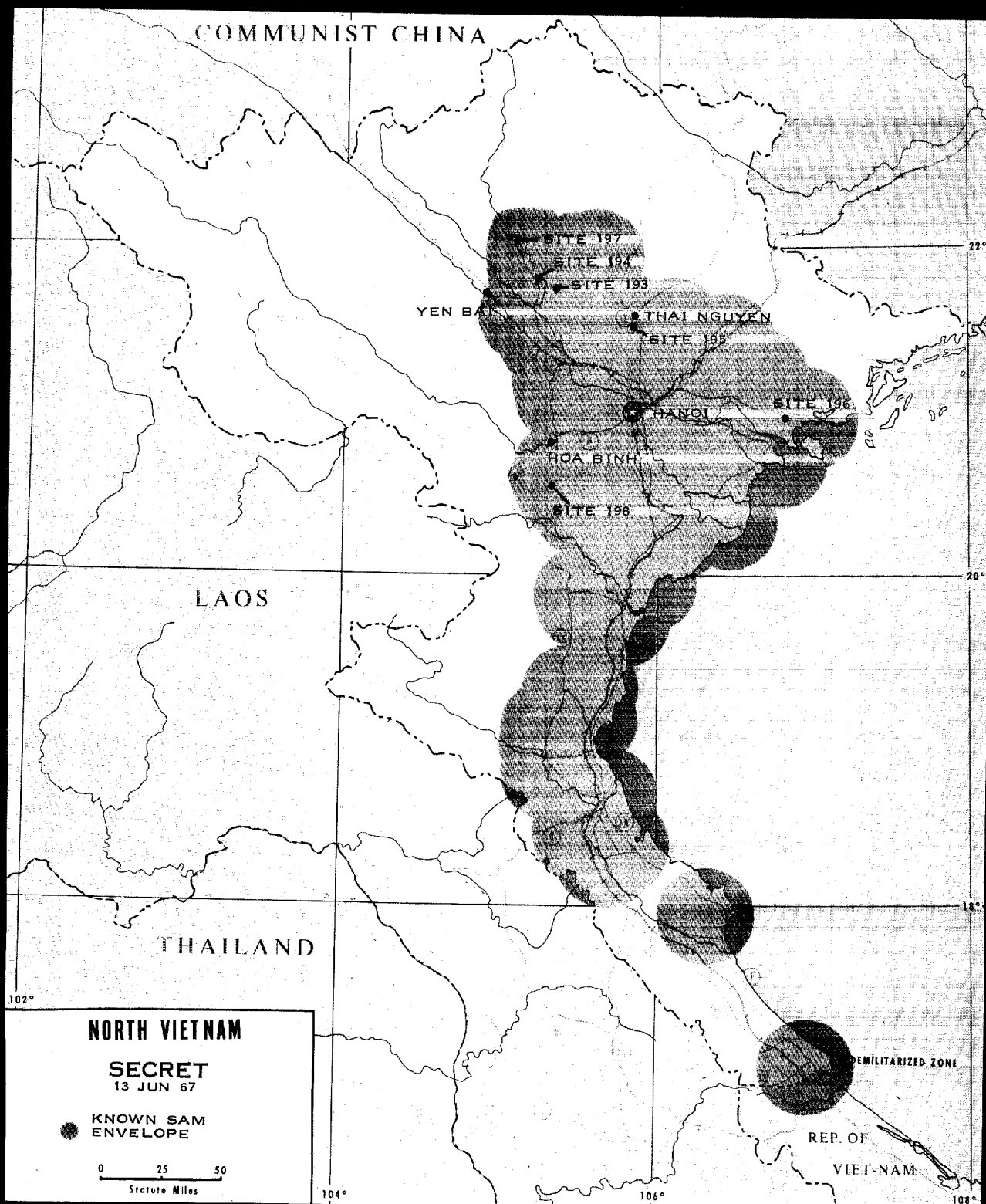
VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

At the present time 198 surface-to-air missile launch positions have been detected in North Vietnam. However, there are only about 28 to 32 active sites on any given day. They are largely concentrated in the Hanoi, Haiphong, Thanh Hoa area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are a number of MIG-21 jet interceptors in North Vietnam but they are not capable of intercepting the OXCART aircraft.

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